

ever, for the promotion of certain financial aims. The paper adds:

So far as Germany is concerned the act taken is likely to do more harm than good, since the German capital is invested in Venezuela. The United States must feel satisfaction at seeing Germany raise its dominating position in Venezuelan commerce and finance and must hope that the German government will be able to support German by American financial influence.

Mr. Bowen has suddenly become famous in Germany. The newspapers print his portrait with a complimentary notice, and his officials are entirely ignorant of what has transpired since Tuesday, being, as is the case in the China campaign, two days behind the newspapers. If President Castro has replied to the German and British ultimatum, his reply is still in course of transmission to Germany.

Fighting Powers Disagree. PARIS, Dec. 11.—It is stated tonight that the German authorities insist on a decisive action and the allies received here show that they landed a small force besides seizing the ships.

The British commander desires to proceed slowly and more in accordance with usual course of diplomacy. As a result some of the leading diplomatic representatives at Caracas have reported that it is not likely the British will participate in the seizure of the custom houses.

Leading French officials openly express gratification at the fact that France is secured by diplomacy what other powers are seeking to obtain through force.

The Temps says: If the United States has nothing to say on the Monroe doctrine in this affair it may be time for Europe to speak in the interest of universal peace.

Policy of State Department. WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Nothing has yet occurred in Venezuela to induce the state department to change its policy of noninterference which it has adopted.

The president is showing particular interest in the situation and this morning he called Secretary Hay away from his regular Thursday afternoon reception to confer respecting Venezuela.

The chairman of the two congressional committees charged with the care of foreign affairs also called at the State department during the forenoon to talk over the Venezuelan situation.

Senator Cullom, chairman of the committee on foreign relations, expressed regret that England and Germany had destroyed, by breaking up or sinking, the vessels of the Venezuelan war fleet.

"They might better have been kept for toy houses. As against a formidable squadron, they were not fit for anything else," he remarked.

He believed that if it were considered necessary to pass a peace blockade, it should have been kept intact until after the present trouble was settled and then restored to Venezuela.

Senator Cullom expressed the opinion that the United States should become involved seriously in the present situation, as he was satisfied that neither Great Britain nor Germany had any intention of acquiring Venezuelan territory.

The State department is so far pleased with the energetic yet discreet manner in which Mr. Bowen has acted. There have been no orders issued to any naval vessels to refer to Venezuelan ports, and it is not intended to issue them, though there is, of course, always danger that the attempt of an American vessel to pass a peace blockade may in the end call for the appearance of American men-of-war upon the scene.

America Preserves Freedom. It is an interesting fact that up to this point the department has not undertaken to recognize the limitations that might be placed on American commerce in case of a Venezuelan blockade. The German government, no later than last year, sought to secure a similar recognition from the State department simply recorded the views of that government without either accepting or rejecting them.

The matter came up in December, 1917, when Germany was considering coercive measures against Venezuela and addressed the following communication to the State department:

In case the German government should be obliged to use coercion against Venezuela in connection with the pending blockade, it will have to be considered what kind of measures should be applied.

The most important measure of coercion that is the blockade of Venezuelan harbors, would be carried through without a declaration of war preceding it. The blockade would therefore be such as to prevent the ships of neutral powers, inasmuch as such ships are not a continuation of them would not have to be considered as such until the blockade was raised.

Acting under cable instructions from their respective governments, Herr von Helldorf, the German ambassador, and Sir Michael Herbert, the British ambassador, jointly presented to the State department official thanks for the services rendered by Bowen, securing the release of German and British subjects arrested by President Castro.

Both diplomats discussed the Venezuelan situation with Secretary Hay who offered to keep the embassies informed of any news from Caracas. This information is being cabled at once to the governments at Berlin and London, who, it is understood, are securing the bulk of their Venezuelan information from Washington.

Mr. Pulido, Venezuelan chargé d'affaires, has received no confirmation of the sinking of the Venezuelan gunboats and said today: I confess I am unable to see what foreign countries mean by sinking my country's little gunboats, which are scarcely more than yachts compared to the foreign men-of-war. I do not see what advantage is gained by the last day of the blockade, which was established to be a peace blockade. I regard the sinking of the gunboats as an absolutely unnecessary and late measure, and that the situation has been gravely complicated thereby.

Two Vessels Captured. KINGSTON, Island of St. Vincent, Dec. 11.—The Venezuelan ship Zancos and the Venezuelan coast guard vessel Viento Tres de Mayo were captured in the Gulf of Paria and taken to Port of Spain, Trinidad, this morning by the British sloop of war Alert.

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SENATE FIXES BOARD'S PAY

Decides that Four Thousand is Enough for Coal Strike Arbitrators.

STATEHOOD BILL GOES OVER TO MONDAY

House Hears that Plans Are Laid to Kill Measure by Artful Obstruction, Thus Allowing Time to Turn Votes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The senate late this afternoon passed, with several amendments, the bill fixing the compensation of the anthracite coal strike commission, and it now goes to conference. The sentiment of the senate was strongly in favor of all members of the commission who are not in the civil or military service a lump sum for their services, and after considerable debate \$4,000 was settled upon as the proper amount, thus taking the matter out of the hands of the president.

Several other amendments were adopted fixing the expenses of commissioners and the assistant recorders at \$10 per day instead of \$15, and leaving the question of salary for the assistant recorders and employees to the commission. The name of the commission was changed to "anthracite coal strike arbitration."

An amendment offered by Mr. Daniel (Va.) to prohibit officers of the government from serving on commissions or performing duties other than called for by law proved a lengthy discussion, but was finally withdrawn.

Will Kill Bill By Delay. At 5 o'clock the statehood bill came up and there was a break exchange between Mr. Quay (Pa.) who favors the omnibus bill, and senators who oppose it. Mr. Quay and Mr. Bate (Tenn.) said they were ready to vote. Mr. Beveridge (Ind.), Mr. Lodge (Mass.), Mr. Hale (Me.) and others proposed against postponing the bill as soon after it was reported and it went over until Monday.

The air was full of rumors concerning the statehood bill, which, it was said, was to be defeated, not by votes, but by obstruction; the vote being postponed from day to day until one by one all the votes for the omnibus bill were picked off.

Mr. Quay wanted it understood that the bill would retain its place as the unfinished business, and President Frye said: "The bill remains the unfinished business. It is in the power of the chair to keep it there, and the chair thinks it is."

The senate then resumed consideration of the coal strike commission bill. Mr. Daniel (Va.) precipitated a lively debate by offering an amendment prohibiting the further assignment of officers and employees of the United States or senators and representatives on any commission. He did not criticize the president, on the contrary, he commended him, but he argued that there is an abundance of intelligent and wise men among the people of the country outside of the government service which could be drawn upon.

Mr. Platt (Conn.) expressed the opinion that it would be unwise to tie the hands of the president so that in a great emergency he could not get the best men in the country for appointment and he acquired of Mr. Tillman (S. C.) who favored the Daniel amendment, if it were not probable, if the amendment was adopted, that Judge Gray would withdraw from the commission.

"Surely," said Mr. Tillman's response. Mr. Spooner (Wis.) said it was not a new thing for judges to be arbitrators, nor is it considered injudicial.

Mr. Allison and Mr. Hoar appealed to Mr. Daniel to withdraw his amendment with the purpose of offering it at some other time when it could have better attention. Mr. Daniel finally consented and the bill passed.

At 5 o'clock the senate held a brief executive session and adjourned.

ELECTION CONTEST IN HOUSE

Evidence in Butler Case Must Not Take Longer Than Forty Days.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The house today devoted practically the whole day to the discussion of a resolution to limit the period of taking evidence in the Waggoner-Butler contested election case to forty days and finally adopted a resolution to that effect by a party vote, 185 to 118.

The purpose of the resolution is to permit the house to pass on the case at this session. Under the regular method of procedure several months are given to the preparation of a contested election case.

The house set aside Sunday, January 25, for paying tribute to the memory of the late Charles A. Russell of Massachusetts.

Mr. Olmsted (Pa.), for committee on elections No. 2 called up the report, which limits the period for taking testimony in the contested election case of Waggoner-Butler from the Twelfth Missouri district.

Mr. Richardson, the minority leader, raised the question of consideration against the report. The house voted, 126 to 116, to consider the report. Pending its consideration Mr. Waggoner (N. Y.) reported from the committee on Agriculture a bill to appropriate \$1,000,000 to eradicate the foot and mouth disease among the live stock in New England and gave notice that he would call it up tomorrow.

Mr. Richardson then made the point of order that the report of the committee was directly in the teeth of the federal statutes fixing the time for taking testimony and was not privileged.

The speaker ruled that the house, having voted to consider the report, the point of order was not in order.

After some discussion the report was adopted.

A joint resolution was offered in the house by Mr. Shafer (Col.) authorizing the president to proceed to Great Britain and Germany to submit their claims against Venezuela to arbitration and to guarantee the payment of the awards that may be found.

SENATOR DRYDEN ON TRUSTS

Considers it Wise to Move Slowly in Legislating on the Subject.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The features of President Roosevelt's message to congress which gave rise to the movement were those relating to trusts and the tariff. In connection with the conservative tone of the president's message, the comments of Senator John F. Dryden of New Jersey on this subject are of importance on account of his large experience in corporation matters, and because he is a representative in the senate of the state in which most of the great corporations have been chartered.

"The subject is one of such magnitude, one upon which any step by congress may affect so many interests that are vital to the prosperity of the country," Mr. Dryden said, "that nothing should be done without the most careful consideration."

"In the first place, it should be ascertained what the evils in the present system are, and, in the second place, it should be ascertained what are the remedies for the evils. I think that this would be much better than to make haste to provide a

NEGROES MUST BE EDUCATED

Over Cleveland Pleads for Colored People in America.

WANTS TO SEE THEM ACTIVE CITIZENS

Mental Service Should Not Be Impaired as Sole Avenue of Improvement if Race Problem Is to Be Solved.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 11.—Former President Cleveland presided at a public meeting in aid of the Bureau Manual Training school, an institution which aims to give members of the negro race the benefits of the industrial education.

The institution was established less than twenty years ago and has an enrollment of 200 students.

He said in part: "It has often occurred to me that ever since we became a nation the American people have almost constantly been confronted with large problems, more or less perplexing, and directly affecting the political, industrial and social phases of our national welfare. We seem to have a constant stream of difficulties before us and whatever obstacles are to be surmounted we are 'able because we seem to be able' and because we have thus far escaped threatening perils a happy-go-lucky chance on continued good fortune has been the chief factor in our success."

"I am impressed with the importance of this occasion, for it is absolutely certain that people should be keenly alive to their duty and interest as related to the colored population of this country, and that the colored people should be active citizens in every community."

"I feel for us to blind our eyes to the fact that whatever we do to improve the condition of our negro population, sooner this is undertaken the sooner will a serious duty be discharged and the more serious the duty the more serious will be the consequences if it is not done."

"I believe this duty can only be adequately met through the instrumentalities of industrial and manual training and manual education in institutions of this kind, and that good citizenship, an orderly contentment with one's lot, and a sense of duty and obligations is almost certain to grow out of a fair chance to earn an honest living, and that whatever we do to secure protection and considerate treatment for the colored people, the more they will be able to do for themselves."

FAVOR ARMY RETIREMENT BILL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The senate committee on military affairs practically agreed today to report a general army retirement bill. The measure was placed in the hands of the committee on the floor of the senate by the committee on military affairs, with authority to report a bill, if after thorough investigation of the subject they agree on a measure.

The bill would provide for the retirement of officers and enlisted men of the army who are unable to perform their duties because of physical disability, and who have served a certain number of years of active service.

BOUND TO PREVENT FRAUDS

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promise would be entertained. He said it would be either Senator Dietrich's nominee or his own.

Mr. Hinshaw had a talk to-day with Chairman Sherman of the Indian affairs committee of the house in relation to the payment of money with accrued interest to the Otoe Indians. Mr. Sherman stated that he thought the time was not propitious for such a payment at this time in view of the inability of the Indians to take care of their own property, and suggested that the subject be delayed. Hinshaw proposes, however, to go into the question so that he may be able to report on the subject at the first session of the Fifty-eighth congress.

Webster for Canal Commission. Before leaving for New York this afternoon in company with Mr. and Mrs. Guy Barton, John L. Webster was presented to the president by Senator Millard as a candidate for a place on the Isham canal commission. Mr. Webster was the president at Oyster Bay during the summer in relation to this place, but the president stated at that time that everything was chaotic so far as the personnel of the commission was concerned. It could not be learned to-day whether the president has any hope for Mr. Webster or not.

Kittredge Starts for Dakota. Senator Kittredge left this afternoon for the west and will remain in South Dakota until after his election to the senate.

The following postoffices have been raised to the presidential class, effective January 1 with salaries of postmasters as indicated: Nebraska—Waverly, \$1,000; St. Paul, \$1,100; Clearfield, Fontanelle, Inwood, Lohrville, Mediapolis, Mystic and Sloan, \$1,100 each; Elliott, Lake Park, Lone Tree, Hilltop, North Webster and Hill, \$1,000 each; South Dakota—Montrose, \$1,000.

A. E. Horshell has been appointed regular and Al Horshell substitute rural letter carrier at George, Ia.

Postmasters appointed: Nebraska, John M. Hahn, Caldwell; South Dakota, vice B. B. Harris, resigned; Iowa, J. O. White, Elwood, Clinton county; Wyoming, E. P. Bowman, Meeteetse, Big Horn county.

BENEFIT FOR WISE HOSPITAL

About One Thousand Dollars Realized From Ball at Metropolitan Club.

The hard work of a worthy committee and the strength of a deserving cause were the chief factors in making the charity ball at the Metropolitan club last evening the most splendid success of the season, both socially and financially. As a result of the evening's entertainment the treasury of Wise Memorial hospital is richer by about \$900 and the fund for the purchase of the hospital is \$1,000.

The ball was well decorated with potted plants and American flags. The dancing program was opened by a grand march, led by Mildred Ziegler, Miss Kathryn Pollock, and in which 100 couples participated.

A course supper was spread in the dining room on the first floor between the eighth and ninth dances. Mayor Moore occupied the head of the table, and, introduced by Mildred Ziegler, master of ceremonies, he gave a short toast on the Wise Memorial hospital. Of faith, hope and charity, he reminded the audience, the greatest was charity, and in the presence of such a large number of the best and noblest citizens of the city for the institution toward which each of those present had given \$5. Because of his personal acquaintance with Rabbi Wise, he felt a deeper interest in the work of the hospital and he watched it with growth with an increasing satisfaction.

Following were members of the reception committee: Dr. J. Coetz, J. Rosenfelt, S. Westheimer, H. L. Cohn, J. Meyer, P. Schwartz, E. Merritt and J. Dreyfus.

Highwaymen Hold Up Groceries. Herman Newman, the grocer at 225 South 16th street, was robbed yesterday evening of \$2—all his fill contained in a tin canister. Newman and his wife were two men—a tall man and a short man, of course—two red bandana handkerchiefs and a 38-caliber revolver. He was engaged in a counter with his back to the door and the man with the revolver stepped immediately upon him, wishing to complete his task. When he did face about a man with a revolver stepped forward and watched him as he drew. Newman to remain quiet, with his hands extended. The other man rifled the till and then took the grocer's pockets. The pair retreated to the door, covering the grocer meanwhile, and then fled down the street. Newman called the police immediately, but could give no accurate description of the highwaymen.

PROPOSED HOME FOR MASONS

Committee is Appointed to Consider the Advantages of Pushing the Project.

The thirty-sixth annual convention of the grand chapter of Royal Arch Masons, following the annual convocation of the Royal and Select Masters which began in Masonic temple Wednesday, came to a close yesterday morning. Prominent Masons from all parts of the state were in attendance.

One of the important matters which came before the convocations was the matter of establishing a Masons' home in Nebraska. The proposition was discussed and the committee appointed to further consider the advisability of aiding in such an enterprise: Charles J. Phelps, Schuyler; Henry E. Palmer and Daniel H. Wheeler, Omaha.

The officers nominated for the grand chapter were: George J. Spohn, Superior, grand high priest; Benjamin F. Thomas, Omaha, deputy grand high priest; Francis McGivern, Fremont, grand king; Robison Givern, Lincoln, grand scribe; Francis E. White, Plattsmouth, grand secretary; L. C. Richards, Fremont, grand treasurer; Melville R. Hopewell, Tekamah, grand chaplain; John J. Mercer, Omaha, grand lecturer; William W. Wright, Beatrice, grand captain of the host; Robert W. McGinnis, Lincoln, grand principal squire; Frank M. Knight, Alliance, grand royal arch captain; Alfred M. Olson, Omaha, grand master third veil; Charles W. Kaley, Red Cloud, grand master second veil; Oscar R. Allen, Omaha, grand master first veil; Julius J. Wilson, Broken Bow, and James Tyler, Lincoln, grand stewards; Jacob Kanev, Omaha, grand sentinel.

In his address before the election of new officers Grand High Priest Maynard congratulated the chapter on its gains in financial and numerical strength during the year.

He said that a definite map has been set out from charities. There are, from the reports, 3,145 Royal Arch Masons now in Nebraska, a net gain for the year of 110. Forty-one deaths occurred during the year.

The membership is divided into fifty-three chapters. Wednesday night the Order of the Royal Arch Masons was conferred upon all the high priests-elect throughout the state.

For the Royal and Select Masons the report in the cryptic degrees showed twenty-one councils now fully organized and a membership of 509. These officers were elected: William L. Ritter, Omaha, grand master; Arthur Trudell, Fremont, deputy grand master; Gustave Anderson, Omaha, grand principal conductor of the work; John S. Harmon, Tecumseh, grand treasurer; Francis E. White, Plattsmouth, grand recorder; Lorenzo D. Woodruff, Lincoln, grand conductor of the council; Charles C. Cannon, Schuyler, grand captain of the guard; Charles M. Bunsen, McCook, grand steward; and Jacob King, Omaha, grand sentinel.

FIRE RECORD.

Farm Residence Damaged. BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 11.—(Special.) The residence of Carl Krausnick, who resides near Ellis, this county, was partially destroyed by fire last night. The fire broke out on the part of the neighborhood saved the building from total destruction. Two of Mr. Krausnick's children, who were sleeping upstairs when the fire broke out, were rescued from the burning building with difficulty.

Holiday Rates Via Wash and Bah. On December 15, 16 and 21 the Washah will sell round trip tickets from Chicago to many points in Canada at half fare. Tickets good until January 1, 1921. Call at Washah corner 1601 Farina street, or address Harry E. Moore, G. A. P. D., Omaha, Neb.

Gardner Defeats Stitt. CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—George Gardner, the Pacific coast middleweight, defeated Billy Stitt of Chicago in a six-round contest tonight at the Garden City hotel. Gardner would have succumbed to a knockout had Stitt saved him in the last round. Stitt was knocked out by Gardner during the round and was barely able to walk to the ring. Gardner's victory was a surprise to many who thought that Gardner would have a good fight with Stitt. Gardner came up for the fourth, however, Gardner was badly hurt and began playing for his opponent's stomach. He was knocked out without much difficulty and before the fifth round. Gardner tried hard to finish Stitt in the fifth round, but was short and Stitt escaped a knockout.

Show Old Family Album. An appreciative but rather small audience went through Mrs. Almira Pease's old family album last evening at the meeting in the Kountze Memorial church. The album was a book of living pictures, posed over the past generation and being presentations of Mrs. Pease's old father and mother, her brothers and sisters, her husband and others of the kind many families in other days. The fact that Mrs. Pease is now 80 years of age and that her pictures did not detract from the enjoyment of the audience and most of the cases were of the kind that are of interest to the audience. The opening of the album was presided over by Mrs. Pease's daughter, Mrs. C. H. Swinley, who is the tax adjuster of the Union Pacific railroad, arrived in the city Tuesday evening to transact business here for his company.

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HITS THE OMAHA ROAD NOW

Realty Exchange Committee Files Another Complaint on Assessment.

WANTS RAISE OF OVER FOUR MILLION

Producers Figures to Show that Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railroad Property is Worth \$4,250,000.

The Board of Review yesterday had its attention directed to the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha railway property in relation to the Union Pacific and Burlington systems. This complaint also is drawn by J. H. McIntosh as attorney and signed by George T. Norton as complainant. Under the terms of the complaint the board is to divide the railroad property into its different classifications, making each division the subject of a separate complaint. The total valuation placed upon all the property comprised in the complaint is \$4,250,000, and in the first place the board is asked to assess the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha company at that sum.

Beginning with the passenger station, the complaint notes the rentals received by the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha road from the Fremont, Elkhart & Missouri Valley, and states that the building is worth \$100,000 and the grounds worth \$200,000; and in that belief asks the board to assess the property at the sum of \$250,000.

In the second complaint the portion of the main track in this city between the north city limits and Webster street is valued at \$600,000 and the franchise which goes with it at an equal amount, making the aggregate value of the property \$1,200,000. The basis of the third complaint is the terminal property, which, including the freight houses and shops, is appraised in the complaint at \$2,000,000, and the aggregate sum of \$2,000,000.

Among other distinguished citizens and taxpayers the Board of Review entertained John B. Ruth, local manager for the Standard Oil company, and Euclid Martin, manager of the Parlin, Orendorf & Martin company yesterday morning.

These two gentlemen were present at the hearing and Mr. Martin indignantly refused, believing that to be an "afterward" explained, a special indignity reserved for him personally. He was informed that only sworn statements were accepted for the purpose of taxation of the property. The company had made a return of \$80,000 of the property, and replying to inquiries from the board, Mr. Martin said that the July invoice showed the stock on hand to be \$70,000, and that possibly the goods on hand, the greatest stock would run as high as \$100,000. The amount of insurance carried was \$70,000. These figures, he said, included \$10,000 of goods at Sioux Falls and \$5,000 at Sioux City. The stock, he explained, consisted of about one-third of the goods which in reality were worth only a small percentage of the amount at which they were billed, but which, he admitted, were charged back to the parent house at full value. He returned the two forms to secure more business. While speaking with the managers of the dental college Thursday afternoon a Dr. reporter was informed by him that Dr. Allwine was the first to introduce the method, his practice being an elaborate display of signs, which, he said, tended to attract the trade destined for the college parlors. He also said that Dr. Allwine had stated to patients who called at his parlors for dental work, and it was necessary to bring the books with him. The return of this company showed \$27,000 of property, including a bank balance of \$2,500. Mr. Ruth was requested to furnish the board with figures to show the average stock of 800 on hand during the six days between September 15 and November 15, covering the period of assessment.

Bank Gets Reduction. The City Savings bank was reduced from \$50,000 to \$5,000; the Shook Jewelry company, from \$5,000 to \$500; Mrs. Willis from \$4,140 to \$140; L. Schlaik, from \$3,100 to \$1,150. Rocco Bros. was increased from \$600 to \$1,800; Rosenberg, Bros. &amp